

San Diego DX Club Bulletin



December 2012

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PROGRAM TO BE ANNOUNCED

MEETING NOTICE:

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2012

SOCIAL HOUR, 5:00 P.M. DINNER, 5:30 P.M.

MEETING, 6:30 P.M

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A Word from the Prez . . .

John Barcroft, K6AM



As you recall, at last year's Christmas party, Harry, W6YOO was inducted into the SDDXC "Hall of Fame," our program to recognize the lifetime achievements of its members. This year I'm proud to announce our latest inductee. It is Jim McCook, W6YA. Jim becomes the fifth member, joining Harry, and the rest of the distinguished members including our founder, W6BZE, the original holder of our club call, W6PT and our uncle Ed, W6KUT.

Jim's accomplishments and contributions to the club are worth repeating. He is presently number two on the club ladder and at the top of the CW top 10. He has given tirelessly to our club as President and original host of the Summer Bash that continues through to the present.

Please join us at our annual Christmas affair, on Sunday December 2 at 12:00 P.M. at NN6R's QTH for the induction ceremony as we recount Jim's long career as a military man, family man, and top notch DX'er.

This year's party will be catered with enough for everyone, but feel free to bring your favorite dish to share. Admission is free to members and their families. Remember the party takes the place of the November and December meetings.

In other news, we can now report that the earlier reports of the demise of the 11-year sunspot cycle were greatly exaggerated. At times in the past month, 10 and 12 meters have been *jumpin'*. I'm hearing a lot of you working new ones in a feeding frenzy that has been pent up for almost 10 years. Our newer members are finally getting a glimpse of what these bands were like during past peaks. The CQWW SSB contest produced some record breaking scores including the new W6 M/S record set by the team at W6YI. Let's just hope it lasts at least another year or two.

Finally, another big thanks to Bob, K9RHY as he puts the wraps on this final issue of a great run as Bulletin editor and starts a new chapter in his life. Good luck Bob! Until the Christmas party then, I'm on my way back to ZF1A for the CQWW CW. I hope I worked YOU by the time you read this.

73, John, K6AM

The San Diego DX Club (SDDXC) is among the best known and most highly respected DX clubs in the United States. Since it's founding in 1946, SDDXC members have been on both sides of the pile-ups with DXpeditions and a fair share have achieved "Top of the Honor Roll" status. If you're interested in chasing DX, contesting, exchanging stories or just rubbing elbows with fellow "Big Guns" or "Little Pistols", you'll feel right at home at one of our club meetings. Join us at our next meeting. Visitors are particularly welcome!

Treasurers Report

Ellen, N6UWW



Secretary/Treasurers Report

Statement Balance 9/29/2012 \$7,175.26

Expenses: SCDXC donation \$200.00
September speaker meal \$11.84

Outstanding checks: (July meal reimbursement) \$11.83
(Aug meal reimbursement) \$18.84

Adjusted balance: \$6,932.75

San Diego DX Club Meeting Minutes

The October, 2012 meeting of the SDDXC was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by President John Barcroft, K6AM.

It was another full house at the Sizzler with 35 people in attendance.

Visitors included Howard, W6HDG and Bud, AE6BH.

Daniel, AF6JO and Bud, AE6BH were voted into membership.

Top 10 Confirmed CW were announced.

The SDDXC Hall of Fame Award winner was announced. Jim, W6YA will be inducted at the Holiday Party. Congratulations Jim!

Dan N6ERD gave us an update on the Holiday Party which will be held December 2 at the home of Wayne, NN6R from noon until 4 P.M. Volunteers were asked to help with set-up and clean-up.

There will be a gift exchange - \$10 wrapped.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen, N6UWW

The SDDXC Top 10

John, K6AM



CURRENT COUNTRIES CONFIRMED ON CW (Expanded)

11/12	11/11 CHG	CALL		C-D	CFM	WKD
1.	1.	W6YA	339	379	379	-1
2.	3.	K9RHY	338	349	349	-
3.	2.	K6AM	338	347	348	-1
4.	-	K6GAK	337	357	357	NEW
5.	6.	N6CW	336	360	362	+3
6.	5.	N0RR	335	349	349	+1
7.	4.	N7CW	335	336	337	-1
8.	7.	N6ND	334	345	350	+1
9.	12.	K6XT	332	344	344	+12
10.	8.	K6ZH	331	341	342	-
11.	9.	W6YOO	331	337	337	-
12.	10.	NN6K	331	334	334	+3
13.	11.	K0XB	325	334	336	+2
14.	14.	W6YI	305	310	328	-1
15.	15.	WN6K	295	304	324	-
16.	-	W6VNR	283	287	287	NEW
17.	16.	N6VS	281	284	289	+11
18.	19.	WB6BFG	249	251	270	+57
19.	18.	AD6ZJ	247	249	263	+22
20.	17.	N6MUF	241	247	252	+3

We've expanded the CW top 10 to include the top 20 players. Only a couple of you actually dropped as a result of the deletion of MV Is. New additions more than made up for it in most cases. K6GAK hits the list running at number 4 as did Joe, W6VNR at 16. The race of the rookies continues hot and heavy with Wild Bill, WB6BFG pulling ahead of Loren, AD6ZJ. These guys had, by far, the biggest jumps of anyone on the list. Since no one in the U.S. has ever worked P5 on CW, the number to hit now stands at 339 with the deletion of RI1M.

Each month, we will publish a top ten list for one of the lesser-recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, 10/40M and 80/20M. Please send me your totals for each band and mode throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

John, K6AM



Editor's Ramblings

Bob Farkaly, K9RHY, Editor SDDXC Bulletin

A few (succinct) points for my final editorial.

First, a wish of great success to Ron Stockton, NØRR, your new SDDXC Bulletin editor. I hope and suspect that Ron will enjoy the same great levels of support, assistance and cooperation that I received from the officers and members of the Club. And special thanks to Arnie, W7BIA, our Webmaster Extraordinaire!

Second, It has been great being a part of a group of True DXers. SDDXC is a Club in which the "Big Guns" are truly "BIG" and even the "Little Pistols" are potent.

Third, I was delighted to see the Top 20 on CW list in this issue (my favorite mode). Between my last update to John and the day I'm writing this, I received a QSL card confirming a 1987 CW QSO with ZYØSB (thanks to Cesar, PY2YP who had the original logs). That makes my CW totals 339/350/350. I remembered to update my ARRL DXCC standings, but John's monthly reminders about keeping the Club standings up to date didn't sink in well enough. Anyway, John, my official CW totals should be 339/350/350, missing only P5 like so many others.

Fourth, as I write this on Sunday, I'm looking forward to moving to our new house on Tuesday. The address is 4517 Topside Road (SW), Knoxville, TN 37920. The email address on the masthead still works if anyone needs to reach me. I'm excited about having a QTH where I can (finally) put up a "real" antenna again. The house sits on 2 1/2 wooded acres with 300 feet of waterfront. There is a 30 second video of the proposed antenna site here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WMuPwceee1k&feature=plcp> which is a good segue to point five.

Fifth, after 12 years of working, living and DXing in Poway (preceded by 10 years of commuting to Chatsworth every week), we're leaving SoCal. I'm leaving friends and so many other connections that make it tough to deal with. Thanks to my fellow SDDXC members for their fellowship. Thanks especially to my former neighbor Gayle, K6GO, (who is dealing with the results of the last election much better than I am ;-)) who was the first ham I met after arriving in Poway. On the other hand, I am glad to wave goodbye to the Green Valley Association and the Peoples' Republic of Poway's absolute 35 foot height limitation.

Still, DXing from Poway had some good moments. I worked enough new ones to get me (almost) back to the Top of the Honor Roll (c'mon P5!). Working obscure BY islands with 5 watt portable stations and simple antenna set-ups was great fun. The first time I worked a 20 meter band opening to SE Asia was to be remembered. The signals were unbelievable. I regret not being on 10 meters from Poway now that the sun spots are coming back.

I'm looking forward to breaking through the "Aluminum Curtain" from TN to the Pacific and Asia. And when you're chasing the rare ones in Europe, Africa and the Middle East, I expect you'll hear me in the pileups. I am looking forward to getting back on 160 meters as well because I now have the real estate and the freedom to use it.

Finally, I have one or two more great DX stories swirling around in my head. The story I never got around to telling was about BS7H (the perfect prefix for this "country"). I'll send them to Ron and see if he is interested in publishing them.

Always remember, "DX Is!!".

73, Bob

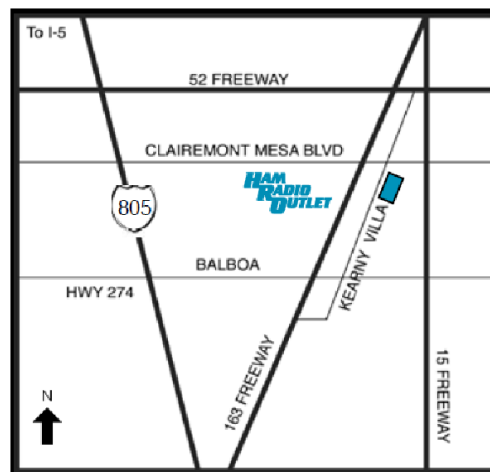


December 2012 Contests				
Contest	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
ARRL 160-Meter Contest	30-Nov	2200Z	2-Dec	1600Z
ARRL 10-Meter Contest	8-Dec	0000Z	9-Dec	2400Z
RAEM Contest	23-Dec	0000Z	23-Dec	1159Z
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	29-Dec	1500Z	30-Dec	1500Z

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